

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15-21 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 10 and 20 have been amended. Claims 3, 14, 15, 18 have been cancelled. New claims 22-24 have been added. A listing of claims is shown on pages 2-4 of the Reply. Applicants' representative acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 2, and 4-9 and the indication that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of respective base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claims 10 and 20 have been amended herein to incorporate allowable subject matter.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 10, 15-17 and 19-21 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 10, 15-17 and 19-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Parker, *et al.* (U.S. 6,112,312) in view of Graef, *et al.* (US 6,083,269). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to independent claims 10 and 20, which incorporate the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner.

II. Rejection of Claims 11-13 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Parker, *et al.* in view of Graef, *et al.* in view of *Microsoft Computer Dictionary*. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested in view of the amendments to independent claim 10 which incorporate the allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner. Therefore claims 11, 13, which depend from independent claim 10, are also allowable over the cited documents.

III. Rejection of Claim 20 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Graef, *et al.* Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendment to the claim 20, which incorporates the allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP175USA].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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